

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	Martin	Group Art Unit:	3611
Serial No.:	09/748,970	Examiner	Vanaman, F.
Filed:	12/27/2000	Attorney Docket	RM393a
For:	Backwards Release Ski Bindinge		

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner Vanaman:

In response to your Office Action mailed March 22, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Drawings:

A red-lined corrected drawing FIG. 25 is included herewith.

In the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(i) and (ii), please replace the paragraph found at page 13, lines 5-15 with the following replacement paragraph:

Referring next to FIGS. 9,10,11,12 the equivalent system to that shown in FIGS. 1-8 has been modified to include a mounting board 900 that holds all the system components. The mounting board 900 is screwed to the ski 1 with screws 910. A groove 912 on the top of the mounting board 900 houses the track 11. The track 11 has the same flange 15. The ends of the groove at 913,914 are sized to allow the proper movement of track 11. Holes 902 provide for proper installation of the heel release 4 based on size. This mounting board could be used for the preferred embodiment of FIGS. 22-25.

Please replace the paragraph found at page 15, lines 5-13 with the following replacement paragraph:

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Re: Serial No. 09/748,970
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Please Note

This Amendment was mailed on July 16, 2002. We received the postcard back on July 22, 2002, copy enclosed. I spoke to Mr. Vanaman this morning and he has not received the Amendment yet. Apparently it is lost. Please expedite the processing of this Amendment so that Mr. Vanaman can receive the case as quickly as possible. There should not be any charges incurred for this error. Thank you.

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**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.
RM393a
In Re Application Of: **MARTIN et al.**
Serial No.
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Filing Date
12/27/2000

Examiner
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Group Art Unit
3611
Invention: **BACKWARDS RELEASE SKI BINDING**
TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 22, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months
from: June 22, 2002*Date*until: July 22, 2002*Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☒ has already been filed in this application.

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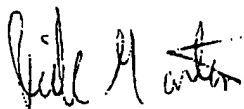
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FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00
TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME					\$55.00

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- ☐ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-0617 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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